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Mr. John Kelly, Chief  
Superfund Program Management Branch  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region V  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

**SUPERFUND PROGRAM  
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Re: U. S. Scrap, 12300 S. Cottage Grove Avenue,  
Chicago, IL Site Z8  
Your March 17, 1989 Request for Reimbursement of  
Response Costs from:  
DeSoto, Inc.  
United Wallpaper  
Your Reply Reference: 5HSM-12

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This is in response to your March 17, 1989 letter requesting reimbursement to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") for response costs your letter states the USEPA has incurred at the U.S. Scrap Site (the "Site") referred to above. Two copies of that request were sent to us in the names of both DeSoto, Inc. ("DeSoto") and United Wallpaper.

Please be advised that DeSoto and United Wallpaper are one and the same entity. The Company was originally known as United Wallpaper, Inc. until 1959, when the Corporate name was changed to DeSoto Chemical Coatings, Inc. Then in 1967 the Corporate name was changed again to simply DeSoto, Inc.

In the future all direct contacts in this matter for either DeSoto, Inc. or United Wallpaper should be directed to DeSoto through me. The address and telephone number are:

James A. Carney  
Assistant General Counsel  
DeSoto, Inc.  
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As your Agency's records should indicate, DeSoto has been identified as a Potentially Responsible Party ("PRP") in connection with another waste site, the Ninth Avenue Site, in Gary, Indiana which has some common connections with the U. S. Scrap Site. As you may be aware, a PRP Steering Committee has been formed for the Ninth Avenue Site. DeSoto has joined, is active in and is currently a member in good standing of the Ninth Avenue Steering Committee.

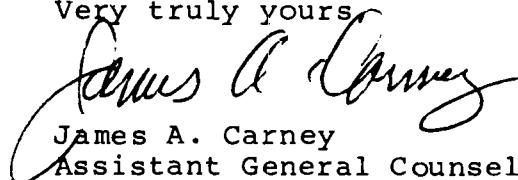
Given the common connections between the two sites, the Ninth Avenue Steering Committee has from time-to-time functioned as an ad hoc Steering Committee to deal with matters relating to the U. S. Scrap Site. It is our understanding that this ad hoc U. S. Scrap Site Steering Committee, including Pamela Nehring among its representatives, has met with Mr. Kowalski of your Agency concerning the question of the USEPA's claims for reimbursement at the U. S. Scrap Site. We further understand that this ad hoc Steering Committee is the one referred to in your March 17, 1989 letter.

It is DeSoto's current intention to continue its participation in this Steering Committee for purposes of dealing with the matter of the U. S. Scrap Site as well as the Ninth Avenue Site. If DeSoto should later decide to withdraw from participation with this Steering Committee for this purpose, we will advise the USEPA of such withdrawal.

From your letter, we understand that DeSoto's participation through the Steering Committee referred to above in negotiations with the USEPA concerning the reimbursement of response costs at the U. S. Scrap Site is satisfactory to your Agency. It is our further understanding that no adverse action will be taken against DeSoto, pending negotiations between the USEPA and this Steering Committee or afterwards, without further notice to DeSoto. If we are incorrect in this respect, please let us know immediately so that we can make appropriate arrangements.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
James A. Carney  
Assistant General Counsel

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cc: Pamela Nehring - Gardner, Carton & Douglas  
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# ANDERSON MFG. CO. INC.

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

We received your certified letter dated March 17, 1989, from the U.S. EPA, indicating that our Company is a potentially responsible party for the release, or threat of release of hazardous substances from U.S. scrap, 12300 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, IL, Site 28. This is the first correspondence we have received concerning this matter.

For your information, we are manufacturers of sporting goods and wood products. Our industrial waste consists of vinyl scraps, (such as upholstery materials from sewing operations), cardboard, banding, paper and floor sweepings. We do not, nor have we ever produced any hazardous waste materials. We are very concerned about our environment and make sure that we do not contribute to any form of pollution. Obviously, we are not responsible for hazardous waste at U.S. Scrap. All of our waste is picked up by the local city garbage service and is deposited at the city's landfill site. We have never used the service of any hazardous waste disposal company. Also, according to the city's engineer, none of the city waste has ever been dumped or transferred to another landfill site.

It will be greatly appreciated if you would please inform us as to the evidence the U.S. EPA has implicating our Company in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

ANDERSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

*Robert F. Anderson*  
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President

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